Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned infrastructure projects for Rs.2667.61 lakh during 11th Plan to the State Government of Punjab.

Processing of urban waste under JNNURM

3199. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the handling, mitigation and processing of urban waste is one of the elements of JNNURM;

(b) whether it is a fact that the municipalities are facing serious constraints in implementing urban waste handling and processing facilities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the deadline for implementing solid waste management measures in every municipality, has been extended from 2003 to 2012; and

(e) the steps being taken to ensure compliance by the new deadline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) Yes, Sir. The handling, mitigation and processing of municipal solid waste is one of the admissible component under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

(b) and (c) Due to weak financial health of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and institutional weaknesses, the Municipalities are facing constraints in implementing urban waste handling and processing facilities as per the Municipal Solid Waste (management and handling) Rules, 2000 notified by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Financial constraints in handling and processing urban waste

3200. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA :
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the municipalities are facing serious financial constraints in handling and processing the urban waste;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to provide financial aid to the municipalities in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Finance Commission had recommended financial devolution of Rs. 2500 crores between 2005-10 to the municipalities for the handling and processing of urban solid waste;